

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims supersedes any previous listing. Favorable reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

In this response, claims 1-7 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph and to clarify the claimed subject matter over that which is disclosed in the reference to Campbell. As will be appreciated, the clarifying amendments to claim 1 call for the releasing member and the lock piece to be connected by a pin. This structure cannot be found in the Campell reference and for at least this reason the rejection of claims 1-2, 4 and 6 under 35 USC § 102(b) is respectfully traversed.

The indication that claims 3, 5 and 7 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. However, in light of the amendments to claim 1, it is deemed premature rewrite these claims into independent form at this time.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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